GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH FRANCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether France is keen to enhance defence cooperation with India in all the fields, including military-to-military relationship;

(b) if so, whether France is also ready to enter into joint venture with India in the defence field as well as research and development (R&D) for producing new equipments including radars and helicopters;

(c) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between India and France in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): No agreement has been reached so far between India and France.